

**DECLARATION FOR APPLICATION**

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As a below name inventor, I(We) hereby declare that:: My Residence & Post Office Address & Citizenship are listed below, next to my name; that I(We) believe I(We) am the First, Original and Sole, inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a Patent is sought on the invention, entitled: **Ladder Step and Platform**

[ X ] Attached hereto.

[ ] Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Appl. Ser. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Amended: \_\_\_\_\_

I(We) hereby state that I(We) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application including the Claims as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I(We) do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my(our) invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my(our) invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me(us) or my(our) legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that I(We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me(us) or my(our) legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, except as hereinafter identified: None X and that I(We) am not aware of any new art that should be considered since the filling of this application to the date hereof.

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Attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office with regard thereto.

I(We) further declare that all statements made herein of my(our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment , or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the USC and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any Patent issued thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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For: **Ladder Step and Platform**

**Verified Statement** (Declaration) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) **INDEPENDENT INVENTOR STATEMENT**

As a below name Inventor(s), I hereby declare that I qualify as an Independent Inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.0(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35 USC, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

**Tree Ladder Step**

☒ in the specification filed herewith

☐ in the application, Serial No.:

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I(We) have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation or under contract of law to assign, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an Independent Inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) as if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which We have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation or under contract of law to assign, grant or license any rights in the invention is listed below

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I(We) acknowledge the duty to file, in this application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.28(b)].

I(We) hereby declare that all statements made of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the USC, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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